

Poulton - Loyal Poulton Volunteers.

POULTON MAY 11th, 1798.

AT a General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of *Poulton*, held this day, pursuant to a public Notice, for the purpose of forming an armed Association, in defence of their King and Country, against all foreign and domestic Enemies.

Bold Fleetwood Hesketh, Esq. in the Chair.

RESOLVED,

I. THAT it is the duty as well as interest of the loyal Inhabitants of this Town and Neighbourhood in the present moment of Danger, to enrol themselves as a Volunteer Corps, to be embodied into one or two companies of Infantry as their numbers may admit.

II. THAT two Companies or 120 Men appear sufficient for the security of the Town and Neighbourhood, and as many as can with propriety be taken from their necessary avocations and private concerns; and that when sixty names are enrolled, an offer of their services be immediately made to the *Earl of Derby*, the Lord Lieutenant of this County, to be by him communicated to Government.

III. THAT the offer be to serve in any part of the Fildes Country, between the rivers Ribble and Wyre, to the sea coast westward, and bounded on the east by the Savig, the furthest distance being six miles to the east of *Kirkham*, and this only in case of actual Invasion, or descent on the coast of the north west district, and of any internal tumult or confusion in any part of the Fildes.

IV. THAT the Association be formed and conducted without any expence to Government except arms, accoutrements and ammunition, and that the expence of uniforms and other necessaries be confined within as small a compass as possible, consistently with the appearance to be expected from a loyal and respectable Corps.—And that the present meeting may have an idea what such an expence might be, it is calculated that 1*l.* 15*s.* would fully equip each private with every article of dress necessary.

V. THAT there be a Committee appointed to transact (along with the Officers) all business relating to the Association, any three of whom (with the Officers) to act in the absence of the others. And that *Bold Fleetwood Hesketh, Esq. Joseph Brown, Esq. Mr. Joseph Harrison, Mr. Dickson, the Rev. Joseph Orrell, Mr. Thomas Threlfall, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. James Hull* form such Committee, who are authorized to make laws and regulations for the discipline of the Corps, and that *John Bisbrowne, Esq.* be the Secretary and Treasurer.

VI. THAT the times of exercise or drill for the first month be two days in each week, namely, *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening, and after the first month only one day in each week, namely, *Saturday*, at and for the same hours.

VII. THAT the uniform of this Association be a red jacket, with blue facing, white calico or linen waistcoat, and blue pantaloons, black stock, a round hat, with cockade and feather, and black gaiters.

VIII. THAT the present meeting be adjourned to *Thursday* next, the 17th Instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to hear from the Committee the number and names of those who have enrolled, and to chuse the Officers pursuant to Mr. Dundas's circular Letter, only with this exception, that *Bold Fleetwood Hesketh, Esq.* shall be Captain Commandant.

IX. THAT the Rev. *Thomas Turner* be the Chaplain, and Mr. *Swarbreck* and Mr. *Cunliffe*, Surgeons to the Corps.

X. THAT the Corps shall be called "THE LOYAL POULTON VOLUNTEERS."

XI. THAT these Resolutions shall lie at Mr. *Whittam's*, the Bull Inn, in *Poulton*, until the next meeting, for the signatures of persons willing to enrol themselves.

BOLD FLEETWOOD HESKETH.

XII. THAT the thanks of this meeting be given to *Bold Fleetwood Hesketh, Esquire*, for his attention and conduct.

JOSEPH HORNBY, Esq. }
Deputy Lieutenant. }

JOHN BISBROWNE.
JAMES HULL.

JOSEPH ORREL.
JOSEPH HARRISON.
LAWRENCE THRELFALL.
THOMAS THRELFALL.
RICHARD DICKSON.

JOHN BONNY.
THOMAS TURNER.
JOHN SWARBRECK.
THOMAS CUNLIFFE.
THOMAS WILSON.